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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 0459

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SUBJECT: GOG REJECTS NEWSWEEK ALLEGATIONS

REF: GEORGETOWN 0458

SUMMARY. FONMIN WILLS HAS ISSUED PUBLIC DENIAL THAT CUBANS WERE TRAINING JAMAICAN POLICE IN GUYANA. HE HAS CONFIRMED PRIVATELY TO CHARGE, HOWEVER, THAT JAMAICAN POLICE HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY GUYANESE IN GUYANA. END SUMMARY.

1. RADIO LATE MARCH 2 AND THE CHRONICLE MARCH 3 CARRIED STATEMENT, ISSUED BY FONMIN WILLS ON BEHALF OF GOG, CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS THAT CUBANS WERE TRAINING JAMAICAN POLICE IN GUYANA. WILLS STATEMENT WAS THE GOG RESPONSE TO NEWSWEEK ARTICLE BY ARTHUR DE BORCHGRAVE. WILLS EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THE GOG HAD NOT BEEN ASKED TO COMMENT PRIOR TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE ALLEGATIONS, AND CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT CUBANS WERE TRAINING SPECIAL BRANCH OR SECURITY PERSONNEL OF JAMAICA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN GUYANA.

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2. WILLS ALSO WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE PUBLICATION OF "SELECTED" RUMORS WAS CALCULATED TO GIVE A FALSE IMAGE ABROAD OF GUYANA'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY AND THAT SUCH EFFORTS WERE TO BE CONDEMNED "IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS" AND THAT IRRESPONSIBILITY WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR INTEGRITY AND SPECULATIVE CONJECTURE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR KNOWLEDGE. THE REMAINDER OF THE

CHRONICLE ARTICLE CONTAINED A REHASH OF THE BORCHGRAVE STORY.

3. WILLS TOLD THE CHARGE MARCH 2 THAT THE RADIO VERSION OF THE DENIAL WAS MUCH SHARPER THAN THE MILD STATEMENT WHICH WAS TO APPEAR IN FEBRUARY 3 PRESS. WILLS ALSO SAID THAT HIS DENIAL RELATED ONLY TO "CUBAN" TRAINING OF JAMAICANS IN GUYANA. HE CONFIRMED THAT JAMAICAN POLICE HAD BEEN GETTING TRAINING IN GUYANA FROM GUYANESE INSTRUCTORS. WILLS TOLD THE CHARGE THAT HIS VIEW HAD BEEN THAT SINCE GUYANA WAS NOT THE MAIN TARGET OF THE ARTICLE, THE GOG SHOULD NOT HAVE COMMENTED ON IT. BURNHAM HAD ENDORSED HIS POSITION, BUT THE CABINET, TOGETHER WITH TOP PNC LEADERS HAD VOTED TO "SUGGEST" TO BURNHAM THAT A STRONG REJECTION OF THE ALLEGATION WAS NECESSARY, HENCE THE STATEMENT WAS ISSUED.

4. COMMENT: WILLS COMMENT TO ME ON THE TRAINING OF JAMAICANS MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE WHOLE STORY. I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO GET MORE DETAILS DURING OUR SCHEDULED MEETING ON MARCH 4.
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